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Ms Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Re: WT Docket No. 04-70 - Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms Dortch:

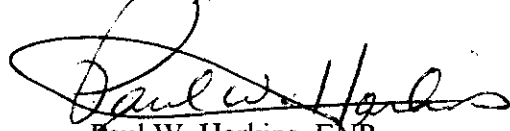
I recently received a copy of the letter (dated July 9, 2004) from the National Emergency Number Association ("NENA") to your office in support of the AT&T Wireless (AWS) / Cingular merger. I wish to express my support as well.

As a NENA/APCO member, current President for the MS 911 Coordinator's Association, and Director of the Lee County E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point, I have worked with numerous cellular providers in enhancing 911 functionality for wireless users. Both Cingular and AWS continue to make progress in their E9-1-1 deployment in my district. Both companies have adhered to existing consent decrees governing E9-1-1 Phase I and Phase II obligations. As individual corporate entities they have worked diligently to accelerate E9-1-1 deployment.

I believe that their merger will strengthen the capabilities of each company to implement and improve E9-1-1 services. In this I see no adverse affect in the on-going deployment of E9-1-1 services.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this issue. Should you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,


Paul W. Harkins, ENP
Director

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